

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An analysis element cartridge is provided which simplifies the operations of unpacking a dry analysis element from its package and loading the element into the cartridge. The cartridge houses dry analysis elements for measurement and supplies them to an analysis apparatus. The cartridge includes an element housing chamber, which has an open top that serves as an element charging port. Downwardly extending cutouts are formed it at least two adjacent, and preferably three sides of the element charging port. The cutouts serve as paths for fingers that hold the elements as they are being loaded into the cartridge. The cutouts enable loading of elements which have been held while unpacking it from its package, without re-orienting it between the fingers.